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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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REFERENCES PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. A total of 969 workers were employed at Gross Doelln airfield on 10 January and 886 on 20 January 1955. Some laborers were transferred to the Querfurt airfield construction site. On 10 February, the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg decided that only 500 construction personnel were to remain in Gross Doelln. It was not known which type of work was to be done by the remaining 500 men. A rumor had it that the E-W runway was to be widened considerably. The VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg temporarily transferred 40 masons and 10 carpenters to Gross Doelln in order to establish quarters for Soviet troops.¹

✓ 2. The tin plates of the fuel containers in fuel dump I were definitely welded autogenously. The welding wire had a silvery gray color and was about 4 mm thick. The fuel pumps were manufactured by an unidentified firm in Saxony. No technical data of the pumps could be determined.²

1. Comment. It is not believed that the runway is scheduled to be widened. There are many possibilities of improvement work at the field, but it is not yet known what type of work will be done.

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2. The tin plates of the fuel containers and fuel pumps were definitely welded autogenously. The fuel tanks were dark gray color and was about 4 mm thick. The fuel pumps were made by an unidentified firm in Saxony. No technical data of the pumps could be obtained.
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